



TO: System Test Coordinators
FROM: Judy Snow, State Assessment Director
RE: 2016 Science CRT and CRT-Alt results
2016-17 Testing Events Calendar
DATE: June 2, 2016

2016 Science CRT and CRT-Alternate Results

June 2, 2016	CRT and CRT-Alternate Science Summary Reports and Interactive Data, System Roster Data File, Individual Student Reports, and CRT and CRT-Alternate Report Interpretation Guides posted on MARS. See below for MARS' details.
September 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CRT and CRT-Alternate Report Interpretation Guides, Individual Student Reports, and Cumulative Folder Labels shipped to System Test Coordinators.• Each system and school should have a plan to ensure that student reports will be sent to parents/guardians within two weeks of receipt.

The school and system reports posted on **MARS** are Roster and Item Level Reports and Summary Reports. The System Roster Data File and Individual Student Reports are also posted.

Printed Individual Student Reports and cumulative file labels for Science in grades 4, 8, and 10 will be mailed to System Test Coordinators in September. Each system and school should have a plan to ensure that student reports will be sent to parents/guardians within two weeks of receipt.

- In some cases, student results were invalidated due to testing irregularities. Each district and school has been notified.
 - The reports for those students with invalidated results will indicate the invalidation(s).
 - It is recommended that the students' parents/guardians be contacted prior to their receiving the reports.

MARS, the Montana Analysis and Reporting System, is a secure online site accessible by usernames and passwords assigned to schools and districts.

- System Test Coordinator's and Principal's **MARS** usernames and passwords will remain the same.
- Please remember these are master passwords and are only for the superintendent, building principals, authorized representatives, or system test coordinators. All other educators needing access to **MARS** should be assigned a separate username and password using the Accounts Management tool in **MARS**. If a teacher was assigned to a student in the "Sortby" field in AIM for the 2013 testing, a new 2015 password will automatically be generated and posted in the "Teacher Roster." The Teacher Roster can be accessed on the Principal's homepage in **MARS**.
 - If a teacher was not assigned to a student(s) in AIM, the test coordinator/principal will need to make the assignments and create new passwords using the Accounts Management tool in **MARS**.
 - The **MARS User Manual** and the **MARS** reports will be posted on the secure Measured Progress iServices site on June 2, 2016: <http://iServices.MeasuredProgress.org>
 - Select "**Montana**" or "**Montana ALT**" (either works for both CRT and CRT-ALT) from the dropdown menu and click "Enter."**NOTE:** For the *User Manual*, select "Forms and Manuals"

- Select **MARS**
- Enter your Username and Password. These were assigned to systems and schools previously.
- If you need password assistance, please contact Judy Snow, 406-444-3656 or jsnow@mt.gov or Angie Koehler, 406-444-3511, akoehler2@mt.gov

2016 Science CRT Released Items and Answers Keys

- http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/index.html?gpm=1_4
- Click on the “Practice Row”

2016-17 Test and Events

Date	Assessment/Event	Grades
Tentative: December 7, 2016-February 15, 2017	English Language Proficiency	K-12
January 12-13, 2017	Assessment Conference Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula	All
January 26-27, 2017	Assessment Conference Crowne Plaza, Billings	All
February 20 – March 24, 2017	Science CRT-Alt	4, 8, 10
March 3 – March 24, 2017	Science CRT	4,8, 10
March 22 – May 26, 2017	Smarter ELA and Math	3-8
Tentative: March 6 – May 12, 2017	MSAA-Alternate ELA and Math	3-8 and 11
April 19 2017 (Wednesday)	ACT Plus Writing: Initial Test Date	Public school students in grade 11
April 19 – May 3, 2017	ACT Plus Writing (Accommodations Window)	Public school students in grade 11
May 3, 2017 (Wednesday)	ACT Plus Writing: Makeup	Public school students in grade 11

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